



Minutes of the Rowney Green Ordinary Meeting

Held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.30

Membership

There has been a detailed review of membership. It was confirmed that 126 out of 197 houses in the village are members of the RGA. Collection of membership subscriptions falling due in 2020 is in progress.

Planning Issues and Neighbourhood plan

There was a general update on current planning applications in the village. Discussion was principally around two change of use applications regarding conversion of 54 and 5 offices into dwellings at Bordesley Hall and Bordesley Farm.

A WhatsApp notification is to be written to advise the village of the application before the minutes are published and a letter written to Councillor Charlie Hotham to advise him of the RGA's concerns about increased traffic on the Holloway.

Approvals include the conversion of a large property into six separate dwellings

The Alvechurch Post Office is likely to be located within a retail property in the village but final planning of the premises has yet to be approved.

Parking remains the key issue for football matches on the Rowney Green field. A working party is being set up to review the 4 options which have been presented to the planning group. Updates are available on the council website.

A response has still not been received from Bromsgrove District Council following the RGA's response on the Neighbourhood Plan. This will be followed this up and reported back to the RGA.

Alvechurch Parish Emergency Plan

The Rowney Green village hall and sports pavilion have been identified as potential locations for emergency evacuations, if required. Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and RGA members as appropriate.

Road safety

There was an inspection in November 2019 and it has been proposed to add kerb stones to the affected area with a gap between the hedge and kerb stones to catch debris. This should prevent the drain from being blocked. Work is planned but of a lower priority than others where properties are affected.

W.C.C are increasing their stock of gully cleaning vehicles from 2 to 5 and reviewing the policy of cleaning rural drains from the current plan of every 4 years.

Village bench

The bench has been delivered and the base has been completed. It is planned to install the bench shortly.

A memorial bench policy for the approval of future benches is being developed by the Parish Council.

Mobile post office

The mobile post office van is now back in use. See the planning section for the permanent solution.

Crime issues

No village incidents were identified.

History Day 2020 and Village Hall Centenary Day

History Day plans are in place including a 1970's film of the village which will be running throughout the day. The closure of the Alvechurch Museum has resulted in further archive material for Rowney Green.

An overview of the Centenary celebrations, for information, was provided by WS and reported by the Chair.

AGM preparation

The May meeting will also be the AGM. The AGM notice was reviewed and modified prior to publication on the Village Hall notice board. Applications for roles should be made through rgastationery@gmail.com by the end of April.

AOB

A financial contribution towards the publication costs of the Calling Oak was reviewed with the Treasurer of the Calling Oak, however it was not considered to be necessary at this time as advertising costs are covering all costs.

Dog waste bins – the County Council have agreed to site an additional bin on their land near the Gravel Pit Lane post box but a plan for emptying it needs to be confirmed before this will be permitted.

Next meeting, which will also be the AGM, will be on Tuesday 5th May 2020 at 7.30 in the Village Hall back meeting room.